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8 October 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Research and Reports
Assistant Director, Scientific Intelligence
Assistant Director, Current Intelligence

SUBJECT : Preliminary Planning for the Program of NIE's
for 1954

REFERENCE : IAC action on 6 October (IAC-D-1/5)

1. On 6 October the IAC instructed the Board and the IAC representatives to present to the IAC not later than 15 December a program for twelve months beginning 1 January 1954.

2. The ONE Staff has already begun work on this program. Before soliciting the views of other intelligence agencies and of policy groups, the Board would welcome your views of what NIE's ought to be done (or redone) during 1954.

3. Past experience indicates that 50 estimates a year represents the maximum feasible production level. We plan to schedule about 25 estimates and allow for an additional unscheduled 25 NSC or other requests.

4. For information, there is attached the program for the fourth quarter of 1953.

5. To be most helpful, we should receive your suggestions by 26 October.

for action

Deputy Assistant Director
National Estimates

cc:

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PROGRAM OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES

I. Projected for Quarter 1 October - 31 December 1953

October

- SE-48: Capabilities and Probable Courses of Action of the ROK with Respect to an Armistice
- SE-52: Probable Reactions in Non-Communist Asia to Certain Possible Developments in Indochina before Mid-1954
- NIE-63/1: Probable Developments in French Policy in Relation to US Interests
- NIE-86: Probable Developments in Brazil
- NIE-99: Estimate of the World Situation

November

- NIE-83: Conditions and Trends in Tropical Africa
- NIE-98: Communist Courses of Action in Asia through Mid-1954
- NIE-102: Probable Developments in Iran

December

- NIE-94: Probable Developments in East Germany
- NIE-100: Soviet Bloc Capabilities for Economic Warfare
- NIE-101: Probable Outlook in Western Europe over the Next Decade
- NIE-103: Soviet Courses of Action towards Germany

II. To Be Included in Program for 1954

- NIE-88: Communist China's Power Potential through 1957
- NIE-89: Probable Developments in Argentina
- NIE-104: Probable Developments in Bolivia
- NIE- : Soviet Capabilities for Unconventional Warfare
- NIE- : Soviet Bloc Air Defense Capabilities
- NIE- : Probable Developments in Greece

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